

c.) Amendments to the claims.

Please cancel claims 63 and 72 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please amend claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 25, 65, 68 and 73 as follows:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A broad-band, computer-based networked system comprising:

a collection of patient-based electronic medical records of a plurality of persons, at least ~~some~~ one of which medical records ~~are~~ is encrypted or secured when collected, accessed, inputted, viewed, integrated or transmitted, wherein:

the medical records are obtained and electronically compiled from a plurality of sources;

one or more medical records of the collection possess a characteristic of non-repudiation such that information contained within said medical records is verified as accurate and correct as to accuracy of transcription and can be certified;

the medical record of a person is transmissible in whole or in part only to that person and others authorized by that person;

each medical record can be supplemented with additional information; and additional medical records for additional persons may be added to the collection;

a secure access for allowing each person to access only their own medical record; and

at least another secure access for allowing said others authorized to access only that person's medical record.

Claim 2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said medical records are electronically compiled by direct input or digital scanning of written information into a computer-readable format.

Claim 3. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the sources are selected from the group consisting of hospitals, clinics, physician's offices, pharmacies and combinations thereof.

Claim 4. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said medical records are transmissible through the Internet.

Claim 5. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the medical record for each person contains one or more of: a table of contents, an index, a source notation for information contained within the medical record, an electronic search tool, annotations for errors, linked annotations for errors, treatment options, health care choices, verification standards and news items relevant to the information in the medical record.

Claim 6. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the secure access and the another secure access comprise passwords or encryption keys.

Claim 7. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the others authorized are selected from the group consisting of physicians, nurses, hospitals and health care institutions.

Claim 8. (previously amended) The system of claim 1, wherein all of the medical records of the collection possess the characteristic of non-repudiation.

Claim 9. (previously amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said non-repudiated medical record is primary for treatment of the patient to whom said non-repudiated medical record pertains.

Claim 10. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~each medical record is certified as accurate~~ the one or more certified medical records have a predetermined degree of completeness, accuracy or both.

Claim 11. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~10~~ 1, wherein each certified medical record is certified as accurate by the patient, by the source from which said each medical record was obtained, by a system provider or by a combination thereof.

Claim 12. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the collection comprises medical records of more than 100,000 persons.

Claim 13. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said collection complies with a federal or state standard of privacy and security.

Claim 14. (original) The system of claim 13, wherein the federal standard is the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

Claim 15. (previously amended) The system of claim 13, wherein said collection complies with all standards of privacy and security for the geographical area in which the system operates.

Claim 16. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a fee which is assessed for each access to a medical record.

Claim 17. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a fee which is assessed for maintenance of a medical record.

Claim 18. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein each medical record is vetted.

Claim 19. (original) The system of claim 18, wherein the vetted medical record contains one or more of: corrections of incorrect information, notations of incorrect information, notations of anomalies, linking of errors, linking of anomalies, notation of discrepancies, linking of discrepancies, and combinations thereof.

Claim 20. (currently amended) A broad-band, computer-based networked system for individual control and management of electronic medical records comprising a plurality of medical records representing a plurality of persons, wherein said plurality complies with a federal standard of privacy and security and at least one medical record of the plurality has been vetted, such that the accuracy and correctness of said at least one medical record is better than exists at a source site from which the medical record was obtained and is not subject to repudiation.

Claim 21. (original) The system of claim 20, which allows for certification of said medical records.

Claim 22. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein certification represents a predetermined degree of completeness, accuracy or both to said medical records.

Claim 23. (original) The system of claim 20, which allows for vetting of said medical records.

Claim 24. (original) The system of claim 23, wherein vetted medical records have been reviewed and corrected or annotated for errors, discrepancies and anomalies.

Claim 25. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~20~~ 23, wherein the ~~accuracy and correctness of at least one medical record of the plurality of medical records is better than~~

~~exists at a source site from which the medical record was obtained~~ vetted medical records contain one or more of: corrections of incorrect information, notations of incorrect information, notations of anomalies, linking of errors, linking of anomalies, notation of discrepancies, linking of discrepancies, and combinations thereof.

Claim 26. (previously amended) The system of claim 20, wherein non-repudiated medical records are primary for treatment of the person to whom each medical record pertains.

Claim 27. (original) The system of claim 20, wherein the federal standard is the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

Claim 28. (original) The system of claim 20, which further complies with a state standard of privacy and security.

Claim 29. (original) The system of claim 20, wherein access to any one medical record is restricted to the person to whom said one medical record pertains or to others designated and authorized by said person.

Claims 30-45. (canceled).

Claim 46. (previously amended) A computer system for management of patient-based medical records that are not subject to repudiation comprising a database of medical records pertaining to one or more subjects; a receiver for receiving information pertaining to said medical records from one or more senders; a process for verifying that the information received is accurate and correct by at least vetting said information; a process for authorizing said senders and said additional receivers according to a set of

rules, wherein said set of rules is designated by said subjects; and a transmitter for transmitting at least a portion of said medical records to one or more additional receivers.

Claim 47. (original) The computer system of claim 46, wherein said database is a secure database.

Claim 48. (original) The computer system of claim 47, wherein said secure database complies with a federal standard of privacy and security.

Claim 49. (original) The computer system of claim 48, wherein the federal standard is the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

Claim 50. (original) The computer system of claim 48, which further complies with a state standard of privacy and security.

Claim 51. (previously amended) The computer system of claim 46, wherein said receiver is selected from the group consisting of: modem, cellular receiver, infrared receiver, Ethernet card, facsimile, cable modem, satellite receiver, optical, analog receiver, Internet hub, and web-server.

Claim 52. (previously amended) The computer system of claim 46, wherein said transmitter is selected from the group consisting of: modem, cellular transmitter, infrared transmitter, Ethernet card, facsimile, cable modem, satellite transmitter, analog transmitter, Internet hub, and web-server.

Claim 53. (previously amended) The computer system of claim 46, wherein said process of authorizing comprises public key encryption, digital signatures, biometrics, certificate authorities, or user passwords.

Claim 54. (previously amended) The computer system of claim 46, wherein the process of verifying results in an improved accuracy or correctness of at least a portion of the information received from said one or more senders.

Claim 55. (original) The computer system of claim 54, wherein said non-repudiated medical records are primary for treatment of said subjects.

Claim 56. (previously amended) The computer system of claim 46, further comprising an integrator for reception, display, analysis and modification of said medical records available to be performed on a plurality of systems of health care providers, payors, clearinghouses, or oversight agencies.

Claim 57. (original) The computer system of claim 46, wherein said database is administered by a service provider other than said subjects, senders, and receivers.

Claim 58. (previously amended) The computer system of claim 46, further including vetting that allows said subjects to supplement said medical records with information relating to the accuracy of said medical records.

Claim 59. (original) The computer system of claim 46, wherein said medical records are owned by said subjects.

Claim 60. (previously added) The system of claim 1, wherein the collection is encrypted and secured.

Claim 61. (previously added) The system of claim 1, whereby information contained within said medical records is verified as accurate and correct by a rules-based process.

Claim 62. (previously added) The system of claim 61, wherein the rules-based process is computerized in whole or in part and involves screening by medical record paraprofessionals, nurses, physicians or specialist physicians.

Claim 63. (canceled).

Claim 64. (previously added) The system of claim 18, wherein each medical record can be relied upon for treatment of the person to whom said each medical record pertains.

Claim 65. (currently amended) A networked system comprising:

a collection of patient-based electronic medical records, wherein:

the medical records are obtained and electronically compiled from a plurality of sources;

~~one or more medical records of the collection possess a characteristic of non-repudiation such that~~ information contained within said one or more medical records is verified as accurate and correct as to accuracy of transcription and can be certified, and thereby possesses a characteristic of non-repudiation;

the medical records are transmissible in an encrypted fashion in whole or in part only to that person and others authorized by that person;

each medical record can be supplemented with additional information; and additional medical records for additional persons may be added to the collection; and

a capability of having multiple secure accesses for a person and others authorized by the person to access only their own medical record.

Claim 66. (previously added) The system of claim 65, whereby information contained within said medical records is verified as accurate and correct by a rules-based process.

Claim 67. (previously added) The system of claim 66, wherein the rules-based process is computerized in whole or in part and involves screening by medical record paraprofessionals, nurses, physicians or specialist physicians.

Claim 68. (currently amended) The system of claim 65, ~~whereby information contained within said medical records is verified as accurate and correct as to accuracy of transcription~~ wherein the one or more certified medical records have a predetermined degree of completeness, accuracy or both.

Claim 69. (previously added) The system of claim 65, wherein each medical record can be relied upon for treatment of the person to whom said each medical record pertains.

Claim 70. (previously added) The system of claim 65, wherein all of the medical records of the collection possess the characteristic of non-repudiation.

Claim 71. (previously added) The system of claim 70, wherein said non-repudiated medical record is primary for treatment of the patient to whom said non-repudiated medical record pertains.

Claim 72. (canceled).

Claim 73. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~72~~ 65, wherein each certified medical record is certified as accurate by the patient, by the source from which said each medical record was obtained, by a system provider or by a combination thereof.

Claim 74. (previously added) The system of claim 65, wherein each medical record is vetted.

Claim 75. (previously added) The system of claim 74, wherein the vetted medical record contains one or more of: corrections of incorrect information, notations of incorrect information, notations of anomalies, linking of errors, linking of anomalies, notation of discrepancies, linking of discrepancies, and combinations thereof.